



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Stanton, et al.
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FOR : APTAMER-TOXIN MOLECULES AND METHODS FOR USING SAME

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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April 24, 2006
Boston, Massachusetts

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 22, 2005 in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to an aptamer-toxin conjugate. With respect to the further restriction for claim 12, Applicants elect, without traverse, the aptamer target PSMA. With regard to the species election for claims 2 and 3, Applicants elect, without traverse, aptamers as the species of targeting moieties for initial prosecution on the merits. In response to the species election for claims 4 and 5, Applicants elect, without traverse, small molecule chemotherapeutic agents as the species for initial prosecution on the merits. With regard to the species election for claims 6-9, Applicants elect, without traverse, the species of covalent conjugation, as recited by claim 6, for initial prosecution on the merits. In response to the species election for claims 14 and 15, Applicants elect, without traverse, vinca alkaloid and desacetyl vinblastine 3-carboxhydrazide (DAVCH) for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. With a three-month extension, this response is due on or before Monday, April 24, 2006 (April 22, 2006 being a Saturday).

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Although no additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 23239-531 CIP (ARC 531 CIP).

Respectfully submitted,

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